International Capital Inflow

912. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the money paid in 1993-94 and 1994-95 on account of repayment of debts, payment of interest and premature payment of debts separately with details of countries/institutions and what is the estimated payment schedule for the next two financial years;

(b) the details of total inflow of funds during 1993-94 and 1994-95 in terms of loans, international assistance and grants, NRI remittance investments by foreign Investments etc.; and

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study to assess the nature of international capital inflow in terms of speculative and long term investment if so, what are the broad indications and if not, whether and by when Government propose to conduct such a study ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import duty on the hearing aids

913. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import duty on the hearing aids and its components is not in conformity with the Government's policy to help the handicapped persons;

(b) whether representations have been made for abolition of this duty;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from Hearing Aids Industry to abolish the countervailing duty (CVD) on parts of hearing aids. At present, specified parts of hearing aids are exempt from excise duty if they are used captively in the manufacture of hearing aids. As there is no general exemption from excise duty on parts of hearing aids, the imported parts are leviable to CVD.

(c) In view of the ensuing budget it is not possible to indicate the views of the Government on this matter at this stage.

मुद्रास्फीति और कीमतें

914. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत वर्ष मुद्रास्फीति की दर में वृद्धि तथा अनिवार्य वस्तुओं की कीमतों में वृद्धि के माहवार आंकड़े क्या रहे ;

(ख) उक्त संतुलन के क्या कारण है ;

(ग) इन महीनों के दौरान करेंसी नोटों और सिक्कों के रूप में जारी की गई कुल राशि कितनी है तथा इस मामले में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा निर्धारित की गई सीमाओं का अतिलंघन करने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) मुद्रास्फीति दर में वृद्धि एवं कीमतों में वृद्धि के बीच संतुलन स्थापित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) पिछले वर्ष के दौरान थोक मूल्य सूचकांक द्वारा